GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH **ABSTRACT**

ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT - Creation of Archakas and Other Employees Salary and Remuneration Fund to implement the payment of a minimum remuneration of Rs.5,000/- per month to the Archakas and other employees working in the temples published under Section 6 of the Endowments Act 30/87 – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.417 Dated:20-12-2014

Read:

From the C.E.D. letter in Rc.No.A1/22731/2014, dt.10-10-2014.

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ORDER:

The Honble Supreme Court of India while upholding the constitutional validity of abolition of Hereditary Rights of Archakas in W.P. (C) No. 638/1987 of A.S.Narayana Deekshitulu & others Vs Government of Andhra Pradesh, directed the Government to constitute "Archakas and other Employees' Salary and Remuneration Fund", as a Corpus for effecting payment of remuneration to Archakas and other employees of Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments published under the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions & Endowments Act, 1987 (Act 30/87), and in particular those affected by the said judgment.

- 2. Keeping in view the judgment and also the grievances of Dharmik staff whose remuneration is very low due to poor financial condition of Endowments Institutions, an action plan has been drawn up for payment of minimum remuneration of Rs.5,000/- per month to the Archakas and other Dharmik staff, irrespective of the status of the temple and creation of a Corpus of Rs.250 crores for the above purpose.
- 3. Accordingly, the Commissioner, Endowments Department has proposed for mobilization of funds as follows:

Commissioner, Endowments Department : Rs.50 crores
Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams : Rs.100 crores

Finance Department out of the surplus

EAF contribution : Rs.100 crores

TOTAL : Rs.250 crores

4. The Commissioner, Endowments Department therefore requested the Government to issue necessary orders for the release of funds as proposed, so as to implement the scheme of a minimum remuneration of Rs.5000/- per month to the Archakas and other Dharmik staff working in the temples published under Section 6 of the Endowments Act 30/87, which are not financially self sufficient.

5. Government after careful examination of the issue, hereby order to create an initial Corpus of Rs.250.00 crores, designated as 'Archakas and other Employees Salary and Remuneration Fund'. The contributions to the Fund shall be as follows:-

Commissioner, Endowments Department : Rs.50 crores
Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams : Rs.100 crores

Finance Department out of the surplus

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TOTAL : Rs.250 crores

The Fund shall vest with the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad which shall be deposited in a Nationalized Bank.

- 6. The Government also hereby accord permission to the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for payment of Minimum remuneration of Rs.5,000/- to Archakas and other Dharmik Staff working in the temples, published under Section 6 of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987.
- 7. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall implement the scheme in a phased manner and is directed to evolve detailed procedures to ensure a transparent process of disbursement of amounts to the Archakas and other Dharmik Staff with online mode of payment.
- 8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide U.O.No.2356/73/EBS.VIII/A2/2014, dt.19-12-2014.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (ENDT.)
(FAC)

To

The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, Tirupati. Copy to:

The Finance (EBS.VIII) Department.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

P.S. to Secretary to Chief Minister.

P.S. to M. (Endt.)

P.S. to Chief Secretary.

P.S. to Prl. Secy. (Endt.)

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